

# MINUTES

OF THE

**Forty-Seventh Annual Conference**

OF THE

**METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH,**

FOR THE

**GEORGIA DISTRICT, 1877.**

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## OFFICERS:

F. H. M. HENDERSON, President..... Bowdon, Ga.  
R. T. BOWIE, Secretary..... Social Circle, Ga.

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POPLAR SPRINGS, CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, }  
November, 2 1877. }

The forty-seventh Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, Georgia District, convened pursuant to adjournment, at the M. P. Church, Poplar Springs, Palmetto Circuit, and was opened with religious services by the President reading the 134th Psalm, singing and prayer.

On calling the roll the following ministers answered to their names: President G. W. Morris, R. S. McGarrity, S. C. Masters, F. H. M. Henderson, J. A. McGarrity, J. M. McCalmon, J. G. Coldwell, O. Reeves, E. B. Fendley, G. P. Sutherland, I. G. Mitchell, F. W. Weldon, John Thurman, J. O. A. Radford, W. B. Armstrong, J. M. Langford, E. C. Jordan, S. Moore, H. G. Andrews, E. Morris, J. N. Samples, T. M. Smith.

The introductory sermon was preached by F. H. M. Henderson, D. D., from Math. v, 14.

The Chair appointed the following Committee on Lay Credentials: E. Morris, Chairman, I. G. Mitchell and O. Reeves, which committee made the following report:

We, the Committee on Lay Credentials report the following names as duly elected delegates to this Annual Conference:

DeKalb Circuit—Z. T. McKee, L. Simpson, H. C. McWilliams, W. D. Mitchell, A. J. Cook.

Tallapoosa Circuit—S. S. McGarrity, J. E. Lyle, E. A. Reagan.

Henry Circuit—E. Phillips, C. P. Lynch, N. Pritchett.

Yellow River Mission—Benjamin Smith.

Bowdon Circuit—W. L. Morris, A. A. McAllister.

Walton Circuit—James Bruce, C. L. Bowie.

Palmetto Circuit—R. W. Hendrix, L. W. King.

Bloomington

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Also we further report the names of Wm. Ball and Thomas Glenn, (p. c.) from the colored charge; which charge is under the watch care of this Conference, who were duly elected to represent said charge in this Conference.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Nov. 2d, 1877.

E. MORRIS, Chairman.

On motion, Bros. Andrews and Jordan, received as assistants from Henry Circuit for the year 1877.

The following Committees were appointed by the President:

On Rules of Order—F. H. M. Henderson, Dr. W. D. Mitchell, E. Morris, Chairman.

On Home and Foreign Missions—F. H. M. Henderson, S. C. Masters, R. S. McGarrity, W. G. McDaniel, R. W. Hendrix.

On Journals—E. Morris, C. P. Lynch, A. A. McAllister.

On Orders and Itinerancy—S. C. Masters, J. O. A. Radford, J. A. McGarrity, A. J. Cook, James Bruce.

On Finance—Dr. W. D. Mitchell, R. S. McGarrity, C. L. Bowie.

On Appeals—J. M. McCalmon, E. A. Reagan, W. L. Morris.

On Obituaries—F. H. M. Henderson, John Thurman.

On Publishing—J. O. A. Radford, C. L. Bowie, R. T. Bowie.

Standing District Committee—S. C. Masters, I. G. Mitchell, J. B. Morris, A. J. Cook, Z. T. McKee, J. B. McDaniel.

On Boundaries—J. O. A. Radford, John Thurman, J. G. Coldwell, W. L. Morris, R. W. Hendrix.

On ministerial education—Dr. W. B. Armstrong, F. H. M. Henderson, J. A. McGarrity, James Bruce, C. L. Bowie.

On Statistics—G. P. Sutherlin, W. L. Morris, A. A. McAllister.

Board of Church Extension—R. S. McGarrity, E. Morris, W. B. Armstrong, Dr. W. D. Mitchell, W. G. McDaniel.

C. L. Bowie re appointed Conference Steward.

A motion to expurge article XV of the Rules of Order.—Carried.

On motion, 10 o'clock Saturday appointed as the hour for holding the election for President and Secretary.

Brother C. S. Evans of the Ohio Conference, M. P. Church, and Bro. Tigner of the Lutheran Church, were introduced to the Conference and received as honorary members; each of whom made a few very touching and appropriate remarks, the former upon the benefits arising from the union affected by the late Baltimore Convention and his mission to this body. The latter upon the grand principles of republicanism as taught by the government of the Methodist Protestant Church.

On motion, Paper of Suffrage was introduced, taken up, read and passed upon by sections, with the exception of the second section, and then adopted as a whole.

On motion, Conference adjourned to 8½ o'clock to-morrow. Benediction by the President.

### SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Conference was opened by Rev. J. O. A. Radford, reading a Psalm, singing, and prayer. President in the chair and a quorum present. On motion the minutes of the preceeding day were read, and after discussion, the paper on suffrage was withdrawn and the minutes adopted.

The following report of the committee on Rules of Order was submitted and adopted:

The Order of Business of this Conference shall be

1st—Determine the membership.

2nd—Election of Officers and District Committee.

3rd—Appoint Standing Committees.

4th—Examination of Ministerial Character.

5th—Hear Appeals.

6th—Incidental Business.

The hour having arrived, the election for President and Secretary was held, and resulted in the election of F. H. M. Henderson, D. D., as President and R. T. Bowie, Secretary.

The examination of Ministerial Character was taken up, and the following brethren who were present and who were represented were called and their characters passed: G. W. Morris, R. S. McGarrity, S. C. Masters, O. Reeves, F. H. M. Henderson, J. A. McGarrity, J. M. McCalmon, J. G. Coldwell, E. B. Fendley, G. P. Sutherlin, I. G. Mitchell, F. W. Weldon, E. Morris, John Thurman, J. O. A. Radford, W. B. Armstrong, J. M. Langford, H. G. Andrews, T. M. Smith.

A communication in reference to Brother Jordan from Henry Circuit referred to committee on Orders and Itinerancy.

On motion brother W. Shadrick received into this Conference and certificate of standing to be granted.

A communication from Henry Circuit received, recommending that Brother W. M. Morgan be ordained Local Elder.—On motion laid on the table indefinitely.

A communication from Henry Circuit recommending W. H. Lynch from the Baptist Church to be received into this Annual Conference. Laid on the table.

A letter from W. M. Morgan referred to committee on Orders and Itinerancy.

On motion Brother S. Moore received into the Conference.  
 On motion Conference took a recess for one hour at noon  
 to hear sermon from Rev. C. S. Evans, of Ohio Conference,  
 text, Romans xii, 11.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1½ o'clock Conference reassembled, and resumed business.

Communication received from Tallapoosa Circuit recommending T. M. Lyle to the Stationary Authority. Referred to committee on Orders and Itinerancy.

On motion the communication laid on the table in reference to Brother Morgan taken up and referred to committee on Orders and Itinerancy.

On motion the report of Sunny Side Commission received and adopted.

On motion Brother Tigner received as delegate from the Synod of the Lutheran Evangelical Church.

The examination of ministerial character was resumed and the following names were called and their characters passed: S. Moore, L. L. McArthur, F. M. Allen, G. W. Harlin, W. S. Johnson, T. J. Biggers, T. J. Lyle, J. W. Black, W. J. Cansey.

The following report of the Committee on Orders and Itinerancy was taken up, read by sections and adopted as a whole:

The Committee on Orders and Itinerancy beg leave to report the following: We have examined Brothers E. C. Jordan and John N. Samples, who come duly recommended by their respective quarterly Conferences, on gifts, graces and requirements, and find them sufficiently versed in the Scriptures to state and defend the leading doctrines of the Bible, and therefore recommend them as suitable persons to receive ordination as Elders. We also recommend that Brothers T. J. Lyle and L. L. McArthur be placed under the Stationary Authority of the Conference. We further recommend that the President appoint a committee to examine Brother Wm. M. Morgan, who has been recommended for Elders Orders by the Quarterly Conference of the Henry Circuit, and if satisfied, that he be ordained Elder. And we further recommend that Abraham Campbell and Martin Hatcher (col.) be ordained Elders.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. C. MASTERS, Chairman.

On motion report of colored brethren received.  
 Leave of absence granted brother Hendrix.

Report of committee on Home and Foreign Missions laid on the table, and referred for special order of business Monday morning.

On motion hour of adjournment fixed at 4 o'clock.

Report of committee on Journals laid on table for the present.

On motion Conference adjourned till 8½ o'clock Monday.— Benediction by the president. Services at night by brother Tigner of the Lutheran church, text, Acts xvii, 28.

Ordination sermon on Sabbath at 11 o'clock A. M., by Rev. C. S. Evans, text Colossians i, 28, at the conclusion of which brothers E. C. Jordan and J. N. Samples were ordained Elders. Services at 3 o'clock P. M. by Rev. J. G. Coldwell, from Luke xvi, 10.

### THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Conference opened by Rev. G. W. Morris, reading a Psalm, singing and prayer. The roll was called, and a quorum being present, conference proceeded to business.

On motion the minutes of last day's session were read and confirmed.

On motion the Chair appointed the following as Stationary Committee. Ministers, I G. Mitchell, J. O. A. Radford. Laymen, S. S. McGarrity, W. L. Morris, C. L. Bowie.

Report of committee on Home and Foreign Missions taken up and again laid on the table for the present.

Resolution to provide for the president to travel in the Georgia District for the next conference year, adopted by a rising vote.

Report of ex-president referred to Finance Committee.

On motion religious services dispensed with for the day.

The following paper on Publishing Interests taken up and adopted:

WHEREAS, That we recognize in the Press and Publishing interests of our Church, a mighty agency for good, and as efficient educators of the people in Church and Gospel work, Therefore—

Resolved, That we will do what we can for the circulation of our Church literature, and especially for the introduction of our Church papers, the METHODIST PROTESTANT, published at Baltimore, Md., and the METHODIST RECORDER, published at Pittsburgh, Pa., into all the homes of our people, and the Morning Guide into all our Sabbath Schools.

W. B. ARMSTRONG,  
R. S. MCGARRITY.

A second paper on Suffrage introduced, taken up, read by sections, amended, and adopted as a whole, said paper to be

added as an amendment to the By-Laws of the Annual Conference of the M. P. Church.

On motion brother J. M. Biggers be taken from the Ministerial role and placed on the unstationed list.

Report of committee on Ministerial Education, taken up, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee, to whom was referred the consideration of ministerial education, report: That we regard the subject as of the greatest importance, and we learn with pleasure that the way is now prepared and opened, through the board of ministerial education of our church, by which our young men, called to the ministry of the word, may acquire that mental culture, and theological training which would greatly aid in making them able ministers of the Gospel. Therefore:

*Resolved*, That we heartily approve the work of the Board of Ministerial Education of the Methodist Protestant Church, and hereby tender our pledge, our sympathy, and co-operation, and will take the collections in all our congregations as ordered by the rules of the church, and,

Be it further resolved that the Annual Conference will not receive any applicant for orders or to itinerate, who has not conformed to the course of study prescribed by the order of Conference. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.

Moved that the President appoint a fraternal messenger to Ohio Annual Conference, to be held next August.

Conference took recess for one hour for dinner.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion brother F. M. Allen's character passed and placed on the unstationed list, also A. W. Mitchell placed on the unstationed list.

On motion brother Andrews was made a member of this body.

On motion report of committee on Boundaries received.

On motion said report taken up, read by sections and adopted with the exception of the last five sections, which were laid on the table for the present.

The following report of the committee on Publishing, received, read and adopted: We, the committee on Publication submit the following report:

DR.	
To cash from Conference Steward.....	\$55 00
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By cash paid out for printing minutes.....	\$36 81
Express and postage.....	1 35
Secretary's fee.....	10 00
Balance on hand.....	\$ 6 84

C. L. BOWIE, Chairman.



Election held for the place of holding the next Annual Conference resulted in the selection of Hampton Station as the place, and Friday before the first Sabbath in December as the time.

Report of Committee on Statistics, read, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

CIRCUITS.		No. of Members.	Probationers.	Ministers.	Preachers.	No. of Churches.	Accessions.	Withdrawn.	Deaths.	Net Increase.	Church Property.	Salary.	Sabbath School.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
Bowdon .....	233			1	7	35	31	1	2	3	\$11.30	\$276 00	3 12	12		
Henry and Flint River.	233			5	7	37	37	2	2	30	2000	216 00	3 9	95		
Hampton Station.....	40	7	1	1	1	14	2	1	1	14	1450	136 00	1 3	60		75
Laurel Branch.....	100		3	1	1	40	8	3	3	37	400					
DeKalb.....	328		3	1	5	4	8				3300	167 00	3 10	240	200	
Tallahassee.....	228		4	2	8	51	5	1	45	1000	1000	60	2 10	109		
Gordon.....	188		3	1	8	15	2	4	13	1200			3 6	109		
Walton.....	340		1	2	4	100			96	1400		348 50	3 12	200		
Randolph.....	212															
Palmetto.....	343	17	1		6	25	4	1	20	2800	181 40					
Yellow River Mission..	113				2	113			113	800	40					
Blooming Hill Mission.	68		1	1	2	2	3	1	3	800	35 25					
Total.....	2426	40	20	12	51	436	60	14	37	\$16,300	\$1464 15	18 62	9 41	275		

Colored Charge.

Number of members in Conference, 505; number of ministers, 1; number of churches, 8; number of accessions, 111; amount of church property, \$700; amount of salary, \$21 15.

G. P. STEWART, Chairman.

**PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMET.**

Rev. R. S. McGarrity and Dr. W. D. Mitchell are appointed fraternal messengers to the Ohio Annual Conference with power to appoint their alternates if they can not attend.

The following report of the committee on Journals read and adopted:

Your committee on Journals ask leave to make the following report: We have examined the Journals and find that the name of brother T. M. Moore was called, and his character passed, in the second days proceeding of the last Annual Conference, but do not find his name anywhere else on the Journal. We further find an error in the Journals of the last Annual Conference in regard to the passage of brother T. T. Key's character. The Journals omit to show that brother T. T. Key's character passed under a resolution, that the President write brother T. T. Key an admonitory letter.

Your committee ask that the Journals be corrected in regard to the passage of brother Key's character.

#### ROLL OF ITINERANT MINISTERS.

F. H. M. Henderson, R. S. McGarrity, J. A. McGarrity, J. M. McCalmon, J. G. Coldwell, O. Reeves, T. W. Weldon, W. B. Armstrong, J. M. Langford, E. C. Jordan, S. Moore, S. C. Masters, G. P. Suthertn, J. O. A. Radford, H. G. Andrews E. Morris, J. N. Samples, L. L. McArthur, John Thurman, G. W. Harlin, W. S. Johnson, T. J. Biggers, T. J. Lyle, J. W. Black.

#### MISSIONARIES.

G. W. Morris, I. G. Mitchell, T. M. Smith. E. B. Fendly left without appointment, at his own request.

#### LOCAL MINISTERS.

John B. Morris, J. M. Biggers, F. M. Allen, T. A. Adams, Robert Davis, W. H. Lynch, A. Turner, A. W. Mitchell, D. C. Stokes, J. A. Belcher.

#### SUPERANUATED MINISTERS.

G. W. Bryant, A. Smith, James R. Turner. All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. MORRIS, Chairman.

Conference adjourned to 8½ o'clock Tuesday, Benediction by the president. Sacramental services at night, conducted by F. H. M. Henderson, D. D.

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#### 4th DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Conference was called to order by the president, and opened by Bro. Langford, reading a portion of Scripture, singing and prayer. On motion minutes of preceeding day read. A motion to reconsider the paper on suffrage was laid on the table indefinitely.

A motion to lay proceedings of afternoon session of yesterday on the table, lost. Minutes of preceeding day were then adopted as a whole. Report of committee on Boundaries taken up from the table, read by sections, amended and adopted, and is as follows: We the committee on boundaries beg leave to make the following report.

- 1 Randolph Circuit,—No Change.
- 2 Walton Circuit—No change.
- 3 Bowdon Circuit—Smith's Chapel and Carrollton added.
- 4 Tallapoosa Circuit—Union, Lenity, Pleasant Grove, Mt. Carmel, Liberty Hill, Beach Creek and Harmony.
- 5 Henry Circuit—Mt. Carmel, Mt. Pleasant, and Bethel.
- 6 Gordon Circuit—No change.
- 7 Laurel Branch Circuit—No change.
- 8 Palmetto Circuit—Poplar Springs, Owl Rock, Hopewell and Concord.
- 9 Coweta Mission—Pleasant Grove and Mt. Zion.
- 10 Hampton Station—No change.
- 11 DeKalb Circuit—No change.
- 12 Flint River—Sharon Grove and Bethany.
- 13 Yellow River Mission—Austin's Chapel, Newton Factory and surrounding country.
- 14 Blooming Hill Mission—Oak Hill added.

#### COLORED CHARGE.

By order of the Annual Conference the President was clothed with authority to organize the colored charge into an independent annual Conference to be called the Colored Annual Conference of Georgia.

Henry (colored) Mission—No change.

Campbellton Circuit, (colored)—No change.

Sandy Creek Mission (colored)—No change.

Respectfully submitted.

J. O. A. RADFORD, Ch'm.

On motion the President to appoint a fraternal messenger to the Lutheran Synod. The following report of Conference steward taken up and adopted:

#### CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.

Public collections.....	\$16 00	Bowdon Circuit.....	\$3 50
Gordon Circuit.....	5 00	Walton Circuit.....	3 00
Palmetto Circuit.....	2 30	Henry Circuit.....	3 00
DeKalb Circuit.....	2 80	Peachtree Church.....	2 20
Hampton Station.....	2 00	Blooming Hill Mission...	3 00
Yellow River Mission.....	2 00	Tallapoosa Circuit.....	2 10
Colored Charge.....	2 00		
Total.....			\$49 80

Respectfully submitted.

C. L. BOWIE, Conference Steward.

On motion Conference voted \$10 to the Secretary for his services.

On motion, report of Finance Committee taken up and re-committed.

The following resolution of thanks, to the members of this Church and the citizens of this community, adopted by a rising vote:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body are due, and we hereby tender to the members of this Church and the citizens of this community generally for the very kind and hospitable manner in which this Conference has been entertained.

The report of Committee on Home and Foreign Missions was taken up and adopted, and is as follows:

WHEREAS, It is made the duty of the Annual Conference by our Book of Discipline to provide certain means of making Missionary collections through the Pastors and Sabbath School Superintendents, and as we fully and feelingly recognize the importance of this work, both as a law of our Church and as a Divine command of our Master to spread the Gospel; therefore, be it—

*Resolved*, By this Conference of the Georgia District, that we earnestly impress upon the ministers of this Church and upon the superintendents of all the Sabbath Schools in the district the importance of this duty, and endeavor by all proper means to advance the interest of our Church generally. Be it further:

*Resolved*, That we are truly rejoiced to know that there has been opened up a field of Missionary work for the M. P. Church in the Empire of Japan and that the harvest is now ripe. Be it further

*Resolved*, that we tender our aid and sympathy to the general Board of Home and Foreign Missions of the M. P. Church, and obligate ourselves to heartily enter into this work with them, and early train up our children to give to the heathen.

Your committee further recommend that the apportionment of \$240, for this District, be divided among the different Circuits upon the basis of ten cents to each member, and that it be made the duty of the Pastors and Sabbath School Superintendents to attend to this collection. And be it further

*Resolved*, That feeling a deep interest in the Mission work in Japan, that we will as a Conference pledge the \$60. per annum for four years to educate a native girl in Japan for a Bible reader, and as members of this Conference we will see that this amount is raised.

G. W. MORRIS, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

Your committee on appeals respectfully beg leave to state that no Appeals have been taken.

J. M. McCALMON, Chairman.

On motion the following resolutions were received and adopted by a rising vote:

*Resolved*, 1, That the President be required to travel the Georgia District during the present Conference year.

*Resolved*, 2. That the Finance Committee fix the President's salary and apportion it between the Circuits, Stations and Missions in the Georgia District.

*Resolved*, 3. That the pastors and associate pastors take up a collection in their respective charges, and pay over to the President the same, quarterly, taking his receipt for the same.

*Resolved*, 4. That if the Pastors fail to take up the collections required in the 3d resolution, then it shall be the duty of the Stewards to take up said collections and pay over to the President and take his receipt for the same.

*Resolved*, 5. That the President is hereby required, in his report of his labors in the Georgia District to the next Annual Conference, to report to the Annual Conference the amount he has received from each of the Circuits, Stations and Missions, for his salary as apportioned by the Finance Committee.

W. D. MITCHELL.

On motion: Conference resolved into a Missionary Society.

On motion the following report of the Treasurer was taken up and adopted:

Permanent Fund.....	\$475 80
Interest on same at 7 per cent.....	33 30
Total.....	\$509 10

C. L. BOWIE, Treasurer.

On motion, Treasurer to divide the funds on hand equally between the two Missions.

On motion, the Executive Committee of Missionary Society continued.

On motion, a committee to be appointed to revise the boundaries of the districts.

On motion, Missionary Society dissolved.

Conference resumed business, and on motion report of Stationary Committee taken up, read by sections, amended and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

President—F. H. M. Henderson, post-office, Bowdon.

Randolph—W. J. Causey, Superintendent: post-office, Springvale, via Cuthbert.

Walton—R. S. McGarrity, Supt.: post-office, Social Circle; J. O. A. Badford and J. W. Black, Assistants.

Bowdon—E. B. Fendley, Supt.: post-office, Bowdon; John Thurman, Assistant.

Tallapoosa—J. M. McCalmon, Supr.: post-office, Carrollton; T. J. Lyle and T. J. Biggers, Assistants.

Henry—S. Moore, Supt.; H. G. Andrews, Assistant.

Gordon—O. Reeves, Supt.; post-office, Reeves' Station; J. G. Harlin, L. L. McArthur, Assistants.

Laurel Branch—J. M. Langford, Supt.

Palmetto—E. C. Jordan, Supt.

Coweta—G. P. Sutherlin, Supt.: post-office, Lutherville.

Hampton Station—To be supplied.

DeKalb—J. A. McGarrity, Supt.: post-office, Decatur; E. Morris and S. Masters, Assistants.

Flint River—J. G. Coldwell, Supt.: post-office, Hampton Station.

Yellow River Mission—F. W. Weldon, Supt.: post-office, Covington

Blooming Hill Mission, J. A. McGarrity, Supt.: T. M. Smith and J. N. Samples, Assistants.

Missionary at Large—I. G. Mitchell, post-office, 30 Garnett street, Atlanta.

Colored Charge, Sandy Creek Mission—James Robinson, Superintendent.

Rocky Head—Abraham Campbell, Superintendent.

Campbellton Mission—George Barge, Superintendent.

Douglas Station—To be supplied.

Henry Mission—George Houseworth, Superintendent.

Wilkinson Mission—Martin Hatcher, Superintendent.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. G. MITCHELL, Chairman.

By consent W. B. Armstrong changed his relation to the Conference, and was placed on the unstationed list.

On motion the following report of the Finance Committee read and adopted as a whole:

Your committee on Finance after taking into consideration the great importance of a more liberal support of our pastors and institutions, would be pleased to offer for your approval the following:

Let each church come up to the support of their pastor or pastors in the first quarter, or first month of the Conference year, and let each member feel responsible for the support of our ministry. We would further recommend that the stewards see that class leaders collect from each member if practicable each month.

Let us lay by on the first day of the week as the Lord prospers us, so there shall be no hurry when our Pastor may appear, and let the officers of our church encourage the membership to a more punctual and liberal support of our ministry, and let the officers set a good example.

We would further recommend to the farming portion of our membership to set apart a portion of their farm for the support of our Pastors, President, Mission and Church Institutions.

We also recommend that the sum of \$440, be raised by the circuits, stations and missions of the Georgia District as a

salary for the President for the ensuing year; and that each circuit, station and mission pay the amounts annexed to them.

And we further recommend that the pastors take up collections at each appointment in their charge quarterly to raise said amounts, and pay the same over to the President when he visits their work, and take his receipt for the same; and that each pastor report the amounts he collects and pays over to the President, at the next Annual Conference of the Georgia District.

The amounts assessed are as follows:

Randolph Circuit.....	\$35	DeKalb Circuit.....	\$60 00
Bowdon Circuit.....	50	Tallapoosa Circuit.....	35 00
Henry Circuit.....	35	Flint River Circuit.....	25 00
Gordon Circuit.....	50	Laurel Branch Circuit.....	10 00
Palmetto Circuit.....	30	Hampton Station.....	15 00
Walton Circuit.....	40	Coweta Mission.....	25 00
Blooming Hill Mission.....	10	Yellow River Mission.....	10 00
Colored Charge.....	10		
Total .....			\$440 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. D. MITCHELL, Chairman.

Moved, that the following resolution be appended to the foregoing Finance report:

*Resolved*, That each Circuit, Station and Mission which failed to collect the amounts assessed them for the purpose of defraying expenses of delegates to the late Baltimore Convention be requested to make up the amount and remit the same to Dr. W. D. Mitchell, of Atlanta, and that the pastors be requested to bring this matter before their charges as soon as possible.

C. L. BOWIE.

#### DISTRICT MEETINGS.

No. 1. At Hopewell, Carroll Circuit, Friday before the fourth Sabbath in August.

No. 2. At Mt. Carmel, Henry Circuit, Thursday before the second Sabbath in July.

No. 3. At Mitchell's Chapel. Time not appointed.

Nos. 4, 5, 6. Time and place not appointed.

The following resolution of the Conference Steward adopted:

*Resolved*, That the balance on hand, \$6 84, be paid over to the delegates who represented us in the late Baltimore Convention.

C. L. BOWIE.

Rev. R. S. McGarrity appointed by the President to preach the opening sermon at the next Annual Conference.

The minutes were then read, confirmed, and adopted as a whole.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet at Hampton Station, on Friday before the first Sabbath in December, at 10 o'clock, a. m.



## Constitution of the Missionary Society.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as the Missionary Society of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, of the Georgia District.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be to raise funds for the support of missionaries to travel in the bounds of said district.

ART. 3. Any person contributing one dollar shall be a member of this Society, so long as they may contribute that amount annually.

ART. 4. The officers of said Society shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Treasury shall be elected annually by the Society, and shall be required to give bond and security for the faithful performance of the duty of his office, and for the safety of all the funds that may come into his hands.

ART. 5. This Society shall meet annually at the time and place of holding the Annual Conference. The members of the Conference shall transact the business of the Association.

ART. 6. Every minister shall present the object of this Association whenever practicable, and solicit contributions to carry out its object, and pay over the same to the Treasurer.

ART. 7. The funds contributed shall be employed in compensating such missionaries and preachers, as shall be employed by the Society, or its authorities.

ART. 8. The selection and appointment of Missionaries for the Association shall be made by the Executive Committee.

ART. 9. There shall be an Executive Committee, consisting of six members, three ministers and three laymen, appointed by the Association, one of whom shall be President for the time being, whose duty it shall be to employ missionaries to travel within the bounds of the district, and to define their duties, and to fix their compensation, and to pay over to them the same out of the moneys that may be in the treasury, and draw on the Treasurer for the same, and report to the Association annually all their acts and doings.

ART. 10. The President and Secretary of the Conference shall, by virtue of their offices, be President and Secretary of the Association.



## By-Laws of the Georgia District.

I. No member shall take a seat as a member of the Conference until he has traveled under its authority, or the direction of the President, a sufficient time for a lay delegate to be constitutionally elected to take a seat with him: Provided, a lay delegate shall have been elected.

II. No layman shall be entitled to a seat in the Annual Conference without proper credentials or satisfactory evidence of his election; and, where alternates are elected, the certificates shall so express it.

III. The lay delegates to the Annual Conference shall be elected by the constitutional voters in the circuits and stations, in the following manner:

1. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to notify the Societies, at his first appointment after the third quarterly meeting, that at his next appointment the election of delegates to the Annual Conference will take place in each Society.

2. The superintendent and class-leader shall superintend the election, but, in the absence of the superintendent or class-leader, or both, the Society shall appoint some person or persons to superintend the election in each Society, by receiving the tickets of all the voters, who shall then count, seal up, and transmit a full list of all the names of the voters, and the number of votes given to each person voted for, by some one appointed by the Society to the next Quarterly Conference, to be opened in the presence of the Conference, counted over by the Chairman and Secretary, assisted by two laymen; and the individual or individuals having the highest number of votes shall be declared duly elected, and be furnished with certificates accordingly. In case of a tie, the members of the Quarterly Conference shall decide the election by a majority of votes.

IV. The Committee on Boundaries shall so lay off the District as to give to each church Sabbath preaching, whenever practicable; and at each Conference the ministers shall be called upon to say what amount of labor they are willing to perform, and no one shall be sent more than thirty miles from home without his consent, unless he gives his whole time to the work of the ministry.

V. The Conference shall never appoint any man to itinerate, unless he intimates his willingness to labor, either verbally or by letter.

VI. It shall be the duty of ministers and preachers to read, or cause to be read, the historical preface, the second, tenth and fourteenth articles of the Constitution of the Methodist Protestant Church, once a quarter, in all our churches.

VII. The Conference will not receive into membership, or elect to orders, any preacher or minister who dissents from any of the fundamental doctrines or ordinances of our church, as set forth in our Articles of Religion.

VIII. The second article of the Constitution and the last clause of the first section of the detail Discipline, should be understood as to apply to the seekers of religion only, and that each church may admit to full membership persons applying on their profession of faith in Christ, and a knowledge of their sins forgiven.

IX. The President has no power, during recess of the Conference, to appoint any minister or preacher to a circuit or station, without consulting said circuit or station, or its authorities, unless the delegates from said circuit or station consent thereto, when the report of the Standing Committee may be adopted by the Conference.

X. It shall require a majority of all the votes of all the members present to constitute an election in the Conference.

XI. The ministers, preachers and members of the Methodist Protestant Church shall take the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper conjointly.

XII. When practicable, the ordination of our ministers shall take place on Sabbath, during the session of Conference.

XIII. In case of the death of any of our ministers in the interval of Conference, it shall be the duty of the President, at the next session, to appoint some brother to preach a funeral discourse, as a tribute of respect to the deceased, at some hour during the sitting of Conference.

XIV. Each church shall elect and send up a delegate to the Quarterly Conference, or so soon thereafter as practicable, whose duty, when assembled, it shall be to apportion the preachers' salary among the churches, in proportion to their numbers and their ability to pay, and that each church appoint a steward to collect the same. Should the pecuniary of the circuit render any other plan more efficient to carry out the object contemplated, the churches should pursue the course which to them may seem best.

XV. All members of the Methodist Protestant Church of the Georgia District who are in full fellowship and of the age of eighteen years, in said Church, shall be constitutional voters in all elections in said church.

XVI. All lay male members of the Methodist Protestant Church of the Georgia District who are in full fellowship and of the age of twenty-one years shall be eligible to be a delegate to the Annual Conference in said District.

XVII. All male members of the Methodist Protestant Church who are in full fellowship in said Church who are over the age of twenty-five years, shall be eligible to be a delegate in the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

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## Rules of Order.

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I. The Conference shall be opened by the President, or in his absence, by the Secretary, by reading a portion of the Scriptures, and prayer, and adjourn by singing and prayer.

II. The roll shall be called, and when a quorum is present, the journal of the preceeding day shall be read, and any member may call for a reconsideration of any portion of the minutes of the preceeding day.

III. When any member is disposed to speak, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the President.

IV. When two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall name the person entitled to proceed.

V. All questions shall be distinctly and audibly put in this form by the President: All who are in favor of the motion say aye; those of the contrary opinion, nay; and every member of the body shall vote on all questions of business relating to the Conference, unless excused.

VI. No member shall be permitted to speak more than once, until all who wish shall have spoken; and no member shall speak more than fifteen minutes at a time, without the consent of the Conference.

VII. The motion shall be reduced to writing, signed by the mover and seconded; if required by the President or any member.

VIII. All motions made and seconded shall be stated by the President, or, if in writing, shall be read audibly by the Secretary, before debated; and when any question is under debate, no motion shall be admitted, unless to amend, commit, adjourn, or for the previous question, provided, a standing committee shall be in order to report at any time.

IX. The last motion, most distant time and largest sum shall be first in order; but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order without debate.

X. Should any member differ from the President on a rule of order, the question shall be submitted to the Conference.

XI. No member shall withdraw during business hours without leave from the President.

XII. The President shall, at all times, see that good order is preserved.

XIII. The proceedings of the Conference shall be recorded in a fair hand by the Secretary, and signed by the President and Secretary.

XIV. The Secretary shall take charge of all the books, journals, records and proceedings of the Conference, and carry or transmit the same to the Conference at its next session.

XV. The order of business of this Conference shall be:

1. Determine the membership.
2. Election of Officers and District Committees.
3. Appoint Standing Committees.
4. Examination of Ministerial Character.
5. Hear Appeals.
6. Incidental Business.

